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The Honorable William Thomas
Chairman
Committee on Ways and Means
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Thomas:

On behalf of DaimlerChrysler and our more than 100,000 employees in the United States, I am writing to express my strong support for your legislation responding to the World Trade Organization's rulings in the FSC and ETI cases.

The tax-law changes you are advancing, including the extension of the R&D tax credit, will help further U.S. job creation and strengthen the economy. Enactment of the fundamental reforms in your legislation will help bring U.S. tax laws up to date with today's global marketplace.

I also commend your leadership in moving forward the Jobs and Growth Act of 2003. Several of the provisions, particularly the extension of the five-year net-operating loss carryback, will stimulate the broader economy and enhance the ability of our company to invest in new products, plant, and equipment.

We are committed to working with you to enact both pieces of important legislation.

Sincerely,

